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Applicant: Cain et. al.
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Examiner: Mirza, Adnan

RESPONSE

BOX AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Entry of the below remarks, made in response to the Office Action of July 25, 2002, is respectfully requested.

Remarks

Claims 1- 54 are currently pending in this application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Corbin (US Patent No 5,881,241 in view of Bellangerf (U.S. Patent No. 5,802,054).

U.S. Patent No. 5,881,241, Corbin:

Corbin describes a data routing framework which "allows computer systems to establish routes between the consumer and the producer of the data without having to have the data transmitted through all the layers between the consumer and producer as traditionally required..." (Corbin, col. 2, lines 27-30) Corbin does this by pre-configuring "routes for data traveling through the software or the hardware of the computer system. In this way, the data is processed only by the set of actions or functions that need to be invoked on the particular data..." (col. 2, lines 40-43). In Corbin "... the data routes are set up by the consumer ... and